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SUBJ: 3RD ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON "THE EFFECTS
OF POLLUTION ABATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

REF: DEPT'S A-9438, DEC 27, 1974

1. REFERENCED AIRGRAM WITH DRAFTING DATE OF DEC 12
RECEIVED IN OTTAWA ONLY ON JANUARY 6. EMBASSY WILL
REVIEW ENCLOSURE TWO AND FORWARD ITS OWN COMMENTS BEFORE
JANUARY 27. HOWEVER, TO BE ASSURED OF THE "ACCURACY,
COMPLETENESS, OBJECTIVITY AND CURRENCY" OF THE MATERIAL,
TEXT SHOULD ALSO BE REVIEWED BY GOC EXPERTS. WE ARE
NOT CONFIDENT AGENCIES WILL BE ABLE TO DO THIS BY
JANUARY 27.

2. PURSUANT TO AN INFORMAL REQUEST LAST YEAR, THE
EMBASSY SOUGHT A REVIEW BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA OF A
MANUSCRIPT PREPARED FOR THE 1973 REPORT ON THIS TOPIC.
THAT MANUSCRIPT (WHICH WE NO LONGER HAVE AVAILABLE),
APPEARS SIMILAR TO THAT FORWARDED WITH REFAIR. IT IS,
HOWEVER, NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER COMMENTS, PREPARED
BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA AND FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF
A FEBRUARY 21 LETTER FROM EMBASSY TCO TO MRS. PRUIETT
(COM/IEPR/OTP/IND), WERE UTILIZED IN THE PUBLISHED
1973 REPORT (WHICH EMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE) AND HAVE
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BEEN INCORPORATED IN THIS DRAFT. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE

TO INDICATE TO ENVIRONMENT CANADA THAT THE WORK DONE LAST YEAR WAS FOUND HELPFUL IN CONNECTION WITH BOTH THE 1973 PUBLISHED REPORT AND THIS 1974 DRAFT. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. WE WILL SEEK INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS BILL AND REPORT SEPARATELY. HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS, OF TYPES REFERRED TO ON PAGES TWO AND THREE OF REPAIR, WE CAN STATE FROM PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OTTAWA. THEY WILL HAVE TO BE REQUESTED BY THE CONSULATES GENERAL FROM THE VARIOUS PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS. SINCE SEVERAL PROVINCIAL CAPITALS ARE NOT THE SITES OF OUR CONGENS, THIS WILL TAKE TIME. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT COMMERCE CLEARING HOUSE CANADA LTD., A SUBSIDIARY OF THE US FIRM, REGULARLY PUBLISHES THIS MATERIAL AND KEEPS IT UP TO DATE. PRESUMABLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS A REGULAR SUBSCRIBER TO THE SERVICES OF THE US FIRM AND CAN OBTAIN THE CANADIAN PROVINCIAL MATERIAL FROM IT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT COMMERCE UTILIZE THIS CHANNEL AND THAT THE CONGENS ONLY BE ASKED TO OBTAIN SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL. EMBASSY WILL NOT SEND AN INSTRUCTION TO THE CONGENS PENDING DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AS TO WHAT MATERIAL IS NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH COMMERCE CLEARING HOUSE CHANNELS. PORTER

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